

Honolulu Star-Bulletin

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THE OBJECT-LESSON OF CROCKETT.

To many of the big audience in the Opera House last night the most significant feature of Mr. George M. Rolph's lecture was the emphasis placed, in his talk and in the moving pictures, upon the community welfare work done at Crockett, the home of the great California and Hawaiian Sugar Refining Company.

The handling of huge cargoes of raw sugar from ship to shore and of refined sugar from shore to ship; the washing, boiling, sacking and the innumerable other processes of refining; the great size of the big Crockett plant; the labor-saving devices and efficiency methods—all these were of deep interest, and were ably portrayed. But not less interesting were the features of community life in Crockett, led by the refining company—the fine schools built in the town; the pretty homes of employees, and particularly the facilities for wholesome sport and recreation.

The refinery, working on a eight-hour day basis, promotes not only the efficiency of the employees at their daily tasks, but their pleasures when the day's work is over. Olympics of clubhouses, gymnasiums, swimming pools, baseball fields; of children's playgrounds; of festive occasions; of patriotic celebrations—all these show that this great corporation recognizes the value of good community spirit. These recreation features are systematized under a director.

The fine facilities for sport and exercise and simple, wholesome amusement probably go far to explain Mr. Rolph's remark that though the town of Crockett has 32 saloons, rarely is a man seen drunk. The town provides facilities for men to meet in social connection other than the saloon, and under such conditions the saloon loses much of its garish attractions.

General Hawaiian plantations could show long strides toward the degree of community welfare work which Crockett has attained. In the islands much has been done, notably on Maui. Much remains to be done, but the success of the experiments so far made are powerful object-lessons. Those managers who have devoted time and effort to giving their employees special facilities for recreation are the managers most emphatic in their statements that the time and effort are well repaid in the satisfaction of labor and the increased efficiency and interest of the working community.

Mr. Rolph's illustrated lecture was highly interesting and it is not at all derogatory to say that a similar portrayal of raw sugar production in Hawaii could be made perhaps even more interesting. For this could be shown the industry literally "from the ground up"—and there is much that is picturesque, much that is extremely beautiful, in the planting of the cane, the vital of great, swelling green fields stretching from sea coast to distant hillside; in the harvesting, in the milling, in the handling of the cargoes to the big freighters at island ports. It would be well worth the efforts of the Sugar Planters' Association to produce such a film and have it shown with a competent lecturer. Such a lecture would dispel many of the grotesque false ideas on the mainland concerning the production of sugar in Hawaii—ideas that in the past have bred hostile legislation and may do so again.

THE HAWAII OLYMPIAD BOOMED.

Stockton, California, papers are already booming the Hawaii Olympiad plan proposed for Honolulu in 1918. This plan was suggested when Stockton High School sent 12 boys here recently. On their return, the Stockton Record printed the following:

The Stockton High School athletes must have made a splendid impression on Honolulu on the occasion of their visit there during the holiday season. The Honolulu newspapers devoted columns to the story of the boys' visit and their activities during their stay in the land of the aloha.

Now comes Raymond C. Brown, secretary of the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce, with a communication to the Stockton Chamber of Commerce suggesting that the trip of the Stockton boys be made an annual affair.

The idea of making the visit an annual affair originated with the Honolulu Star-Bulletin. The Honolulu paper copied extensively from an article published in the Stockton Record in which Principal Noel H. Garrison told why the selections were made and just what would be expected of the boys on their return.

Secretary Brown and an informal committee he has called together are already discussing details of the Olympiad plan. It was received with such instant approval that there is little doubt it will be developed into the leading public event of the islands in 1918.

WYOMING, TOO.

Wyoming is moving toward the "dry" column. The first bill introduced at the opening of the Wyoming state legislature a few days ago provides for the submission of a constitutional amendment for statewide prohibition. The bill provides that the amendment shall be submitted to the voters at the general election in 1918 and shall become effective fourteen months later, or January 1, 1920. The "dry" forces of the state predict that not a vote in the legislature will be cast against this measure.

HAWAII AT CORNELL.

As in Yale, Harvard and other mainland colleges, Hawaii is ably represented at Cornell. The "He Hui Hawaii," a sectional club for persons coming

from the Hawaiian Islands, has an enrollment of 22 members, one of whom is connected with the university faculty. A letter from one of the members of the club to the Star-Bulletin says of "He Hui Hawaii" that "it is eager to further Hawaii's interests as well as its own." That this club is wide awake is seen in the heralding of a visit here by Dr. L. H. Bailey, a distinguished author and agriculturist.

The president of the club is William L. Morgan.

COORDINATING ROAD-BUILDING.

FROM DAILY FINANCIAL AMERICA.

The Illinois Highway Improvement Association, supported by its membership of every good-roads organization in the state and by the Chicago Association of Commerce and other bodies of like nature, is doing a useful work in taking constructive action towards the coordination of efforts for road-making by the state and by the counties. It is pointed out that individual counties build each year a few miles of road with no assurance that their main roads, when finally completed, will connect up with highways considered to be the main roads of adjoining counties and of the state. There has been no definite effort at harmony of action which shall make local road-building an actual part of a general system.

This is a fault by no means peculiar to Illinois. It is likely that it is common to every state in the union, with resulting waste, in each case, of money, material and energy, and failure to obtain the greatest benefits from road-building.

The Highway Association of Illinois has proposed a state bond issue of from \$50,000,000 to \$60,000,000 for a state-wide system of highways, and a state appropriation which will make available \$3,300,000 of federal aid, under the terms of the bill passed by Congress last summer. The idea is to use the proceeds of the bond issue for main state highways, to apply the state appropriation to main county roads, to direct the funds representing federal aid to some highway or highways of national importance, and to place the disposition of all these funds in the hands of the State Highway Commission. By such an arrangement, together with the constant scrutiny of plans and expenditures by the Highway Improvement Association, its constituent members and the commercial organization, it is felt that all details of the work would be conducted with a high degree of coordination. The recommendations of the Highway Association are being placed before the General Assembly of the State.

Whatever action is taken upon the matter by the legislative body, it is significant that the businessmen of Illinois, working through various organizations along harmonious lines, are insisting upon a scientific handling of the whole matter. Men of opposite political creeds are working shoulder to shoulder with a sole and common desire that road-building, so notoriously a means for unscrupulous action by political rings, shall have but one purpose, and that the good of the general public.

Governor-General Francis Burton Harrison of the Philippine Islands is to resign his post next month. If rumor from Washington is correct, and will return to the United States. It is also rumored that his successor will be W. Morgan Shuster, formerly a federal official at Manila, later treasurer of Persia and once an international figure in the Russo-British dispute over Persian possession. Shuster passed through Honolulu a number of months ago en route to Manila.

If the Congress of the United States gets to "resolving" peace terms for foreign nations, all of which have racials and friends among our people, it will furnish a mix-up of sentiment that would be ridiculous, not to say dangerous.—Boston Post.

Tom Lawson's charges have all been denied, which must remind Tom of the good old days when he was publishing lurid chapters of "Frenzied Finance" and mentioning a lot of our leading financiers in a ways that seemed to irritate them strangely.

Hawaii asks Congress for permission to import 25,000 Chinamen, who are imperatively needed as laborers on the sugar plantations. Will Hawaii get the permission? She will not.—Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

If the public is able to verify the Washington statement that eight per cent of retail prices consists of the cost of delivery there may be sudden recourse to the well-known but generally despised market basket.—Rochester Post-Express.

In view of their success in stealing copper from the piers, the gang of harbor pirates rounded up by the police Saturday night might be profitably employed in investigating the "bulge" in Pier 6.

The new battle-cruisers will probably cost \$19,000,000 each, which puts them almost in a class with beefsteak, shoes and street-paving.

Serious threats were heard against the weather man last night as the thermometer began to reach down toward the low sixties.

Somebody seems to be switching Mr. Wilson's pet railroad measure to a sidetrack.

It's a slow day in the news now when nobody tries to pull off a bomb-plot.

Letters of TIMELY TOPICS

(The Star-Bulletin invites free and frank discussion upon subjects of timely interest by letters in this column, but neither assumes responsibility for the utterances of the writers nor necessarily indorses the view they express. No attention will be paid to anonymous communications, but names of writers will be held confidential if such request is made, unless the tenor of the letters is such that the views in fairness should be expressed over the signatures of those wishing to voice them. Contributors to this column are requested to typewrite communications when possible, to use but one side of the sheet and to make their letters brief. The Star-Bulletin cannot undertake to publish long letters nor return unsolicited communications or manuscripts.)

"ABSENT"

Honolulu, Jan. 29, 1917.
Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.
Sir: I desire to take issue with the sentiment expressed by a "spokesman for the guard," expressed in the Advertiser on Sunday under the heading, "Militia Courts Martial Not Needed."

Two of his statements in particular demand an answer. He says, "The men have given everything, time, labor and money. The United States government has given very little." All credit to the men who have given much, and incidentally they are in no danger of court martial, but has the government given so little? Vfr

VITAL STATISTICS

BORN

STEVENSON—January 23, at Kapio-lani Maternity Home, to Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Stevenson, a daughter. KEA—In Honolulu, January 24, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. John Louis Kea of Christley lane, a son—David Kailikula.

KOOHIMAUNU—In Honolulu, Jan. 24, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. John Koo-himaunu of 1822 Luso street, a daughter.

SPITZER—On Makiki Round Top road, January 28, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Spitzer, a son.

DIED

WAIKAI—In Honolulu, Jan. 28, 1917, Mrs. Adeline Waiwai of 2125 Pauoa road, a widow. Buried in Pauoa church cemetery.

NAMAU—At Leahi Home, January 30, 1917, John Namau, a native of Hawaii, aged 16 years, 10 months and 15 days.

PERSONALITIES

JOHN RAEDER, who has been connected with the Idaho market for a number of years, recently as manager, will sever his connection with that firm on February 1. Raeder will leave for Honolulu, where he will enter the automobile business.—Spokane Chronicle.

MR. and MRS. C. C. HOEFER of Kansas City, Mo., are among the tourists returning home this week, having remained in Hawaii some three weeks more than they had planned. "Our prolonged stay tells the whole story of what we think of Honolulu and Hawaii," said Mr. Hoefer.

HAROLD STORY, former reporter on the afternoon newspaper, who left here about a month ago, has secured a position as instructor in English and history in a factory in Honolulu Hawaiian Islands. He arrived in the islands January 1 and has already begun his duties.—Tucson, Ariz., Star.

BURT McLEAN, for the past year assistant manager under Noah Gra of the Claremont Hotel, Berkeley, departs on the next steamer for Honolulu, where he has accepted a position in the front office of the Alexander Young Hotel. He is a bright capable and pleasing young man and will be missed by his many friends hereabouts.—San Francisco Hotel Reporter.

The HENRY FRYMANS of the Los Angeles Hayward have returned from their Honolulu visit and are quartered at the Palace. They have enjoyed a wonderful trip and report heavy Honolulu and Oriental travel. The Hayward Hotel, of which Mr. Fryman is the proprietor and operator, is one of the most popular and successful in the entire southland.—San Francisco Hotel Reporter.

J. S. KEEL, the well-known real estate man, and J. B. Steele, the retired stockman and capitalist, left last Friday evening on a trip to Honolulu. Both contemplate investing in plantations there if the outlook appears to them. Mr. Steele is particularly interested in plantations, having good looking native daughters or hula hula girls as an appurtenance there.

tually the government gives life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Is that little?

"We in Hawaii are not yet in a position to expect men to turn out per order so and so," says the spokesman. Every one of these men, Mr. Editor, took a solemn oath to turn out when ordered. In effect this spokesman says we do not expect men to live up to their oaths of office.

There is another feature of this "drill absenteeism" that I would like to call attention to, and that is regarding the men who stay away from drill.

A man who belongs to a national guard organization and who habitually absents himself from drill does a threefold wrong.

1. He is false to his oath.
2. He harms his organization for he hurts its discipline and sets an example that makes efficiency impossible.
3. He wrongs his comrades individually, for he prevents their getting the pay that the government offers.

OBSERVER.

FOOD FOR DISCUSSION

January 30, 1917.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

Sir: That the sun never sets within the exterior limits of 181 degrees of longitude is not necessarily a fact. Like the time of sunrise, it depends somewhat on the latitude.

The Philippines are not in America. K.

BARRINGER TO BUILD KAAO HOMESTEAD ROAD

W. H. Barringer, lowest bidder for the construction of the Kaa Homestead road, has been awarded the contract by the department of public works. Barringer offered to do the work for \$190 in 75 days.

Because he failed to submit a certified check and to include all specifications in his tender, Herman Elders will not be awarded the contract for the Kikala-Keokea homestead trail on Hawaii, although his bid was lower than that of his two competitors. Elders' bid for \$1760 and 60 days; Jose F. Ferreira, \$1850.52 and 55 days; and Jose da Rocha \$2112 and 65 days.

COLORADO ANTI-SALOONISTS AND W. C. T. U. SPLIT OVER STATE'S BONE-DRY LAW

DENVER, Colo.—The fight which is being made by certain "dry" leaders in the state to put Colorado in the "bone-dry" column by enacting a law similar to that in West Virginia, prohibiting the importation of liquors into the state, has resulted in a split between the Anti-Saloon League and members of the W. C. T. U.

A. J. Finch, superintendent of the local branch of the Anti-Saloon League, has come out for an amendment that will absolutely forbid the importation of liquor into the state. Members of the W. C. T. U., on the other hand, declare that they got the people of the state to support the prohibitory amendment upon the representation that their fight was directed against the saloon and that individuals might have liquor for private use. They claim that absolute restriction of importation of liquor would result in swinging Colorado back into the "wet" list when another election is held. For this reason they favor a law limiting the amount of liquor which may be imported to one quart of inous liquor each month and 12 quarts of beer. In this way, they say, bootlegging would be stopped and the individual would be able to have a certain amount of liquor in his possession for private use.

A number of legislators have interested themselves in the cause of complete restriction and an amendment will be introduced in the legislature to this end.

BRANDEIS' DAUGHTER NOW STUDENT OF LAW IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Ill.—Miss Susan Brandeis, daughter of Louis Brandeis, associate justice of the United States supreme court, has enrolled as a law student in the University of Chicago. Miss Brandeis, when not attending school, lives at Stoneleigh court in Washington.

CALIFORNIA WIDOW SUCCEEDS HUSBAND AS-MAGISTRATE

SAN JOSE, Cal.—Mrs. S. W. Charles, widow of a former magistrate of Palo Alto, killed on a railroad crossing several weeks ago, was appointed successor to her husband. She is the first California woman magistrate unto belonging. Being a rich bachelor he can afford to indulge in such vagaries. They expect to be gone six weeks to two months.—Twin Falls, Idaho, Blade.

POINDEXTER HAS ADMIRER HERE 'ASK NEWTON' AT THE YOUNG

Montana's loss will be Hawaii's gain," said Dan Tracy of Great Falls, Montana, today, speaking in reference to the recent appointment by President Wilson of J. P. Poindexter to the United States district judgeship here in place of Judge Charles F. Clemons, resigned.

Tracy has followed the winding trail of Montana politics through its intricacies for a quarter of a century and personally knows most of the state's residents who have aspired to political office. He is acquainted with Poindexter and speaks briefly but commendatory of him:

"Poindexter is an able lawyer and an agreeable, jovial gentleman. He will be well-liked by the people of Honolulu for he has a peculiar pleasing way about him. I hate to see him leaving the North but if he must go, Hawaii is the place for him. He is about 45 years old, married, full-faced, curly-haired and funny, too. I hope I am here to give him a real 'Hawaiian' aloha when he arrives."

Tracy says Poindexter has been attorney-general of Montana for the last four years and rendered perfect and popular service. He was defeated at the last election by a narrow margin of about 900 votes, cutting down to that figure the usual Republican margin of about 20,000, according to Tracy.

In the last Montana election to Democrats saved the governor and lieutenant-governor, Stewart and McDowell, respectively, but lost the treasuryship and the attorney-general's office.

Brimming full of two weeks' information gleaned on Maui, Hawaii and Kauai and with a "just ask me" look in his eyes, Chester Lee Newton, the new information clerk for the Territorial Hotel Company, began duties of dispensing gratis directions from his corner in the Young Hotel to the horde of guests who arrived in the Matsonia, Sierra and Great Northern.

To show the good will of the Promotion Committee next door and to assist in a similar enterprise Secretary A. P. Taylor sauntered in early this morning with a cabinet, which he said had been seasoning for a year for just such a purpose, full of pamphlets, folders and booklets on the Hawaiian Islands.

Newton was formerly a newspaper man, having reported among other publications for the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, and is alert and check-full of facts on the islands. He has been here about six months.

On the other islands he found transportation and hotel companies preparing for more tourists than ever, several of whom had taken up attractions direct with the other islands.

Poindexter got his appointment to Hawaii, so Tracy says, through United States Senator Walsh of Montana, who, as Wilson's western manager in the last campaign rendered invaluable service to the president and is now strictly "it" at the White House, commanding considerable attention at the president's ear.

United States Senator Myers of Montana is also a Democrat.

Where shall you put your valuables?

In a japped tin box on the closet shelf, in your easily opened trunk, on the moulding back of a picture, in the dresser or desk drawer?

Where?

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